



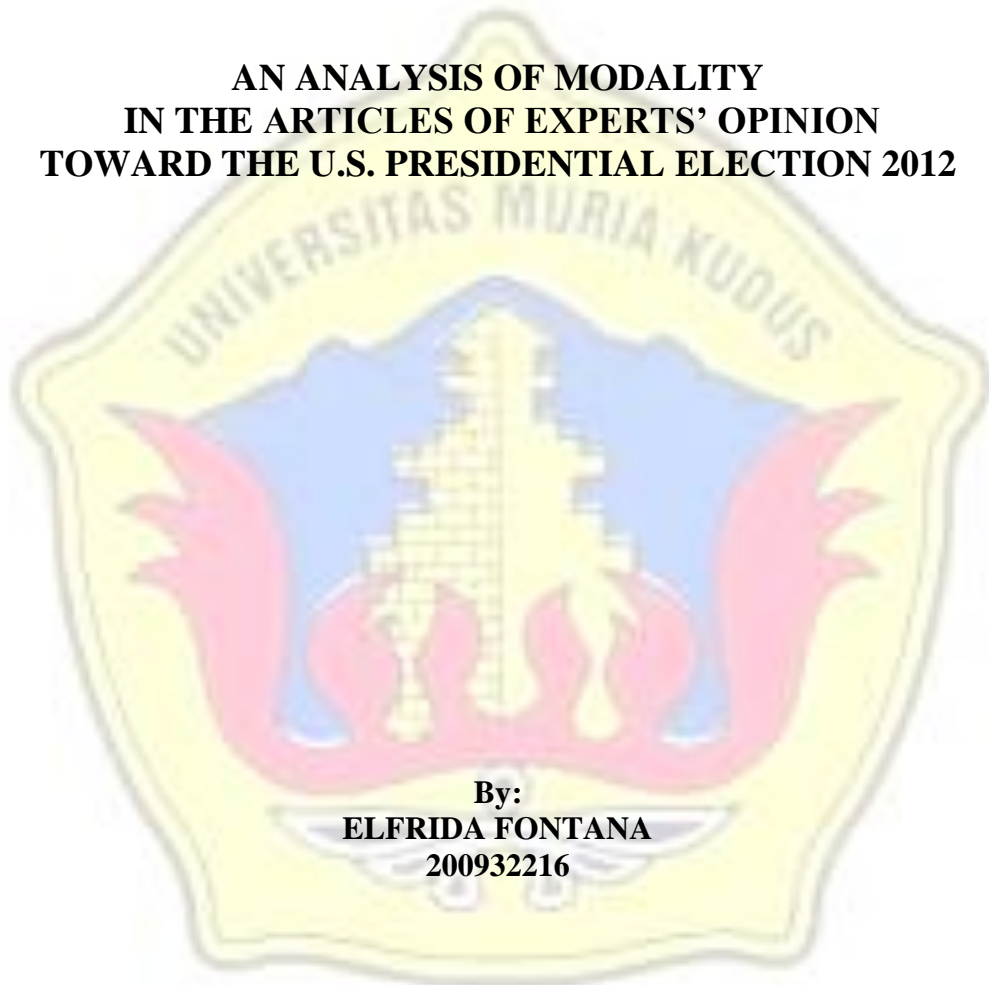
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MOTTO AND DEDICATION

- Don't surrender just because the thing doesn't happen as the plan, the precious thing will be not easy to reach out.
- If most of us are ashamed of shabby clothes and shoddy furniture, let us be more ashamed of shabby ideas and shoddy philosophies. It would be a sad situation if the wrapper were better than the meat wrapped inside it. (Albert Einstein)
- Your dream doesn't have an expiration date, take a deep breath and try again.
- The moment you think about giving up, think about the reason why you held on so long.
- The wise are not wise because they make no mistakes. They are wise because they correct their mistakes as soon as they recognize them.
- God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can't change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

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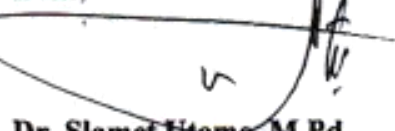


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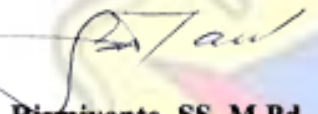
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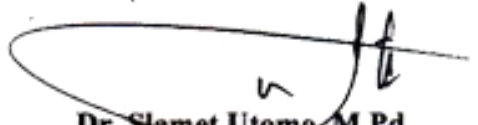

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Communicate each other is the main need of the human life which realized through language. In linguistic system, language has metafunction which one of it is interpersonal meaning. It is used to manage the interaction among people or participants where modality lies in it. The position of modality is in the intermediate range between the pole yes and the pole no. Refers to factual text, modality can be functioned as the way to tell us how a person feels about what they are telling us, their stance or attitude, whether they are assertive or tentative, how committed or how detached they are and other crucial aspects of interpersonal meaning. Modality has two types, the first is modalization which functioning as exchanging information and the second is modulation which functioning as give and demand goods and services. The articles of experts' opinion also contains with modality that realized by the personal feeling and point of views of the U.S. presidential election 2012.

The objective of this research is to find the types and the degree of modality found in the articles of experts' opinion toward U.S. presidential election 2012.

Descriptive qualitative is used as the method of the research. The data of this research is the types of modality (probability, usuality, obligation, and inclination). The other side, the data source used in this research is the experts' opinion articles toward U.S. presidential election 2012.

The outcome of the research showed that the first article which comes from American expert has probability (79%) and obligation (21%). The degree of modality in this article showed that medium got the dominant place (47%) then followed by low (32%) and high (21%). The interpretation comes from the result of the degree is the expert preferred explore his hopes, advices and also prediction of the election. The second article was written by African expert. The result showed there are probability (84%) and obligation (16%). The degree of modality got the medium as the dominant (84%), low (11%) and high (5%). The interpretation of this article is the writer preferred to share his suggestions rather than critics. The other article comes from Asian expert that showed the types of modality as probability (84%), usuality (4%) and obligation (12%). This article showed the medium degree as the dominant (80%), low (11%) and high (9%). The interpretation of Asian expert is the writer focused on giving information related to the election. The fourth article was written by Australian expert. The founding of this article are probability (62%) and obligation (38%). The degree showed medium (59%), low (33%) and high (8%). The interpretation of this article is the expert preferred to elaborate his prediction toward the election. The last article come from European expert, the result is probability (100%) which classified by

the degree of modality medium (54%), low (42%), and high (4%). The interpretation comes from this article is the expert focused on giving his point of view and prediction toward the election.

Through the result of this analysis, the research has given the contribution in language analysis especially modality. This skripsi is able to be used to manage the proper words in delivering someone's feeling and point of views about something common and particular topic. Through this research, students can learn and use modality in daily life more appropriately and effectively, for further researchers as a resource to conduct a research, and for common readers to improve their communication.



ABSTRAKSI

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Komunikasi antar satu sama lain adalah kebutuhan primer manusia yang diwujudkan melalui bahasa. Dalam sistem linguistik, bahasa mempunyai metafunction dimana salah satunya adalah interpersonal meaning. Interpersonal meaning digunakan untuk mengatur interaksi antar orang atau partisipan dimana modal termasuk didalamnya. Posisi modal berada ditengah-tengah kutub iya dan kutub tidak. Merujuk pada teks fiksi, modal dapat difingsikan sebagai cara untuk mengutarakan perasaan seseorang tentang apa yang mereka berusaha katakan kepada kita, pendirian atau perilaku, apakah terdapat ketegasan atau keraguan, seberapa terikat atau independen mereka dan aspek-aspek penting lainnya dalam interpersonal meaning. Modal mempunyai dua jenis, yang pertama adalah modalization yang berfungsi sebagai pertukaran informasi dan yang kedua adalah modulation yang berfungsi sebagai pertukaran jasa dan servis. Artikel pendapat para ahli ini juga terkandung aspek modal yang direalisasikan melalui perasaan pribadi dan pandangan tentang pemilu presiden Amerika 2012.

Tujuan dalam analisis ini adalah ‘jenis dan level modal apakah yang ditemukan dalam artikel pendapat para ahli tentang pemilu Amerika 2012?’ Deskriptif qualitative digunakan sebagai metode penelitian. Data penelitian ini analay jeni modal (kemungkinan, kebiasaan, kewajiban, dan keinginan). Di sisi lain, sumber data yang digunakan adalah artikel pendapat para ahli tentang pemilu presiden Amerika 2012.

Hasil dari penelitian menunjukkan bahwa artikel pertama yang berasal dari seorang ahli dari Amerika mempunyai kemungkinan (79%) dan kewajiban (21%). Level modal dalam artikel ini menunjukkan bahwa medium menduduki tempat dominan (47%) kemudian disusul rendah (32%) dan tinggi (21%). Interpretasi yang muncul dari hasil level modal artikel ini adalah penulis lebih memilih untuk mengemukakan harapan, saran serta prediksinya mengenai pemilu Amerika Serikat 2012. Artikel kedua ditulis oleh seorang ahli dari Afrika. Hasilnya menunjukkan terdapat kemungkinan (84%) dan kewajiban (16%). Level modal medium sebagai dominasi (84%), rendah (11%), dan tinggi (5%). Interpretasi dari artikel ini adalah penulis memilih untuk memberikan saran-sarannya tentang pemilu. Artikel lainnya datang dari ahli asal Asia yang menghasilkan tipe modal kemungkinan (84%), kebiasaan (4%), dan kewajiban (12%). Artikel ini menunjukkan level modal medium sebagai dominasi (80%), rendah (11%), dan tinggi (9%). Interpretasi dari artikel ini adalah penulis lebih memilih menguraikan saran-sarannya tentang pemilu. Artikel ke empat ditulis oleh ahli asal Australia. Penemuan dalam artikel adalah kemungkinan (62%) dan kewajiban (38%). Level modal menunjukkan medium (59%), rendah (33%), dan tinggi (8%). Interpretasi

dari artikel ini adalah penulis memilih untuk menjabarkan prediksinya tentang pemilu. Artikel terakhir berasal dari ahli asal Eropa dimana hasilnya adalah kemungkinan (100%) yang diklasifikasikan oleh medium (54%), rendah (42%), dan tinggi (4%). Interpretasi dari artikel ini adalah penulis hanya fokus terhadap pemberian pendapat dan prediksi tentang pemilu.

Melalui penelitian ini, peneliti telah berhasil memberikan kontribusi dalam analisis bahasa terutama modal. Skripsi ini dapat digunakan untuk mengolah kata yang tepat dalam menyampaikan perasaan dan pandangan seseorang mengenai sesuatu yang umum dan topik tertentu. Untuk para calon peneliti lanjutan, mereka dapat mempergunakan hasil penelitian ini sebagai acuan untuk melakukan risetnya. Bagi para pembaca pada umumnya, diharapkan hasil penelitian ini bermanfaat untuk menjadi sumber yang dapat meningkatkan kualitas komunikasi mereka.



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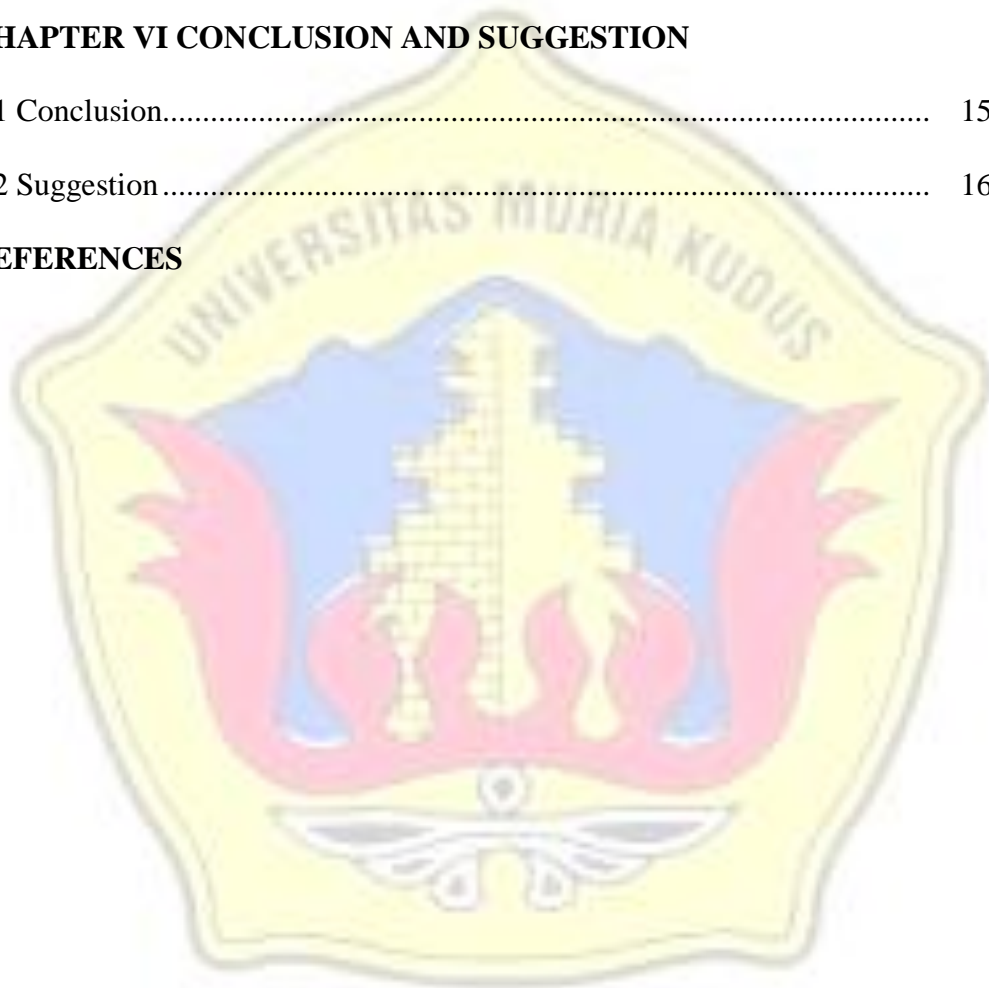
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